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Mr. *Timothy*,

YOUR Friend who ſupplied you with the Paper of the 13th Inſtant of a diſcourſe upon the Cruelty of Merchants towards the Debtors, has given us a Quotation from the *Spectator*, to ſanctify his own Aſſertion, who therein expoſes the barbarous Uſage, an Honeſt unhappy Bankrupt often meets with; but no where does that great Man tax with harſhneſs and barbarity thoſe who treat ſeverely, thoughtleſs Spendthrifts, and Fellows of no Principle, who run in Debt, with a ſecret Reſolution, never to make Satisfaction, but induſtriouſly ſculk behind the Shelter of ſome publick Poſt, and bring Diſgrace on a Station, otherwiſe honourable.

Applying the utmoſt extent of the Laws, againſt ſuch who will not pay, yet live in daily extravagance, run in Debt, for ſupplies towards Riot and high-living, at the ſame time that they have not, nor cannot have any propable View of diſcharging ſuch Debts, will never be term'd *rough Uſage*. The Legiſlature cannot inflict corporal Puniſhment on thoſe People, but hereafter, 'tis very probable they may be deem'd more guilty, than thoſe who daily forfeit their Lives, for Crimes of an Inferiour Nature.

Men void of pitty and compaſſion, are certainly worſe than Brutes, but when a Man makes no diſtinction in the Exerciſe of thoſe Qualities, but equally favours the Scoundrel and the unhappy Man of Merit, they ceaſe to be Virtues, and his boaſted Merciſulneſs can only be term'd a Milkyneſs in the Conſtitution.

'Tis true the Merchant runs a great many Riſques, but thoſe very hazards ought to induce his Debtors, to make an Act of Conſcience of robbing him of his Goods, or even detaining him out of his Money, longer than the tender Profit will allow.

Let a Trader always demean himſelf agreable to his Circumſtances, enjoy his good Succeſs with Moderation, or bear his Misfortunes with Patience, that he may reduce his Mind and make it ſuitable to his Station. Such who in Proſperity favours the brave unhappy Man, may boldly claim the ſame Indulgence, ſhould he ever be reduc'd himſelf to the like Situation.

Let what follows ſerve for a Contraſt to your ſaid Paper. The Author's Opinion is to be the more valued, as he wrote by woeful Experience.

'I am extremely aſtoniſh'd, that Men can 'be ſo inſenſible of the Danger of running in- 'to Debt. One would think it impoſſible a 'Man who is given to contract Debts ſhould 'know, that his Creditor has from that Mo- 'ment in which he tranſgreſſes Payment, ſo 'much as that Demand comes to in his Deb- 'tor's Honour, Liberty and Fortune. One 'would think he did not know, that his Cre- 'ditor can ſay the worſt thing imaginable of 'him, to wit, *That he is unjuſt*, without De- 'famation; and can ſeize his Perſon, without 'being guilty of an Aſſault. Yet ſuch is the 'looſe and abandoned Turn of ſome Mens 'Minds, that they can live under theſe con- 'ſtant Apprehenſions, and ſtill go on to en- 'creaſe the Cauſe of them. Can there be a 'more low and ſervile Condition, than to be 'aſhamed, or afraid, to ſee any one Man 'breathing; Yet he that is much in Debt, is 'in that Condition with relation to twenty 'different People. There are indeed Circum- 'ſtances wherein Men of honeſt Natures may 'become liable to Debts, by ſome unadviſed 'Behaviour in any great Point of their Life, 'or mortgaging a Man's Honeſty as a Secu- 'rity for that of another, and the like; but 'theſe Inſtances are ſo particular and circum- 'ſtantiated, that they cannot come within ge- 'neral Conſiderations: For one ſuch Caſe as 'one of theſe, there are ten, where a Man, 'to keep up a Farce of Retinue and Gran- 'deur within his own Houſe, ſhall ſhrink at 'the Expectation of ſurly Demands at his 'Doors.

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' Doors. The Debtor is the Creditor's Criminal, and all the Officers of Power and ' State, whom we behold make ſo great a Figure, are no other than ſo many Perſons in ' Authority to make good his Charge againſt ' him. Human Society depends upon his ' having the Vengeance Law allots him; and ' the Debtor owes his Liberty to his Neighbour, as much as the Murderer does his Life ' to his Prince.

A Thought upon the Increaſe of Paper-Currency, *and how it may be prevented from ſinking in Value.*

Propos'd, That 300,000 *l.* be ſtamp'd in Paper Bills of Credit, and that the ſame when iſſued be accepted in all Payments at an equal Standard with our preſent Currency.

That 200,000 *l.* thereof be lent out at 8 *per Cent.* Intereſt, on good Security, which Intereſt is to be paid in the ſame Currency.

That 3 *per C.* of the ſaid Intereſt be applied in eaſe of our Taxes, to defray the ordinary Charges of the Government.

That 1 *per C.* of the ſaid Intereſt be applied to pay the Commiſſioners who ſhall iſſue the ſaid Bills, and whoſe Care it will be to put this Scheme in execution.

And in order to keep up the Value of the ſaid Bills, *propos'd*,

That the remaining 4 *per C.* ariſing from the Loans be annually laid out by the Commiſſioners in ſome of our own Commodities, and the ſame remitted to England, the neat Proceeds whereof ſhall be laid out there on ſome Government's good Security, which with the Intereſt therefrom ariſing, will in about 25 Years at moſt, produce a Capital Fund there, equal to all our Currency here.

By which means as our Capital in England will yearly increaſe, ſo will the Value of our Bills here, and at the expiration of 25 years the Publick will have the Borrowers Money due here, beſides the *Sterling* Fund in England. The Fund in *England* being once eſtabliſh'd, it will be no Difficulty hereafter to project a Method how that ſhall be applied in ſupport of any other Paper Credit.

And in order to put all our Currency on the ſame Foundation, *propos'd*,

That our preſent Paper Currency be called in by a Tax of 10,000 *l. per Ann.* and the ſame exchang'd for ſo much of the other new Paper Bills, *viz.* the 100,000 *l.* lying in the hands of the Commiſſioners; that the ſaid 10,000 *l. per Ann.* be lent out at 8 *per C.* in the ſame manner as the 200,000 *l.* before mentioned, and that the whole Intereſt of this Loan be remitted to *England* in Commodities of the Province, and there be laid out on the like Government's Securities, to produce an Equivalent there for the ſaid 100,000 *l.* which are to be ſo exchang'd for our preſent Currency.

By that means our preſent Currency which is a Debt on the Country, will be paid off by a Tax, and yet the ſame Amount of Currency will ſtill be preſerv'd, and have its Equivalent likewiſe in *England*.

This Method of ſending home Commodities to raiſe a Capital in *England* for our Paper Credit, will put it in our Power, to take ſo much of our own Commodities off our own hands, and muſt raiſe conſequently the Value of the Reſidue.

The candid Thoughts of any Perſon on the Subject here propos'd, and made publick in this manner, will be agreeably received by the Inſerter of this.

CHARLESTOWN, *March* 27.

On Monday laſt *Tho: Mellichamp* was again called upon, in order to be tried on a ſecond Indictment, for Forging and Counterfeiting Bills in the Similitude of the current Bills of this Province, called the *One Pound* Bills

The Evidences produced againſt him were in the *firſt* place, a Copper Plate, engraven with theſe Words:

One Pound Lawful Money of South-Carolina.

Againſt which the Priſoner's Council objected, That the making of Money was a Royal Prerogative, imparted to no Province nor Aſſembly; that an Aſſembly had only Power to iſſue Bills of Credit, but that a Paper with the Impreſſion of the ſaid Words, *One Pound* &c. was not a Bill; *Ergo* &c. But the ſame was allowed in Evidence.

Then the 2d Evidence *Wm: Hamilton* the Conſtable was called, who ſaid, that he found the ſaid *Mellichamp* on *Wadmalaw* Iſland in Mr *Underwood's* Barn, hammering and working on a Piece of Copper, and found likewiſe in his Cuſtody a Trunk with ſeveral Copper Plates and Utenſils for engraving, which Trunk was produced at Court.

The Priſoner own'd that the Trunk was then in his Cuſtody, but that it was left him by his Father in going off the Province, with orders not to open it, but to ſend it after him.

The 3d Evidence was *Joſhua Morgan*, who ſaid, that he had ſeen the ſaid *Mellichamp* engraving part of the ſaid Plate in the ſaid Barn, and printing more than one Bill upon it. The Priſoner in his Defence ſaid, that the Plate having been uſed by his Father and the Ink dried up on it, he only clean'd with an Engraver part of the Horſe, to ſhew the ſaid *Morgan* upon his own deſire, in what manner the Printing was perform'd, but that he neither did engrave the ſaid Plate, nor paſs any Bills taken from it.

The 4th Evidence was *Andrew Alexander*, who depoſed, that he being in the ſame Barn at the ſame time, ſaw through the Cracks of a Partition between him and *Mellichamp*, that he was printing ſome bills upon a Rowling Preſs, and having got ſome *One Pound* Bills afterwards, he believed them to be the ſame that then were printed.

A Paragraph of an Act of General Aſſembly paſſed *June* 7, 1735 was read, wherein the Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, or the aiding or aſſiſting in counterfeiting the ſame was made Felony without Benefit of the Clergy, and the Chief-Juſtice having given the Jury the Charge, they went out, and two Hours after brought in their Verdict, *Guilty*.

The King's Attorney then was to proceed upon two other Indictments againſt the ſaid *Mellichamp*, but he challenging three of the Jury, the Court after the Trial of ſome other Cauſes adjourned to Tueſday at Nine o'clock, when they proceeded to draw other Jury Men inſtead of thoſe that were challenged, but before they were ſworn, an Error being diſcovered in the Bill for Felony, the Council for the King thought fit to drop it. The other Bill for a Misdemeanor having been indorſed by the Grand Jury *Bila Vira* inſtead of *Bilia Vera* he was not araigned upon the ſaid Bill, and the Jury was diſcharged.

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The Day following being Wednesday, *Samuel Terrence* and *James Torrent*, both indicted for Murder, but found *guilty of Manslaughter*, were brought up to Court and prayed the Benefit of the Clergy, and were burnt in the Hand & discharged Some other Prisoners were discharged by Proc[illegible]

[illegible] was likewise brought up to receive Sen[illegible] Council mov'd for the Benefit of the Clergy, [illegible]at no Law could be made in this Province for extinguishing and taking away the Life of one of the King's Subjects for an Offence which was created a Capital Crime by that Law, and was not a Capital Crime by the Law of *England*, and that such a Law could not be in Force, until confirmed by the King.

This being a Point of too great Consequence to be decided without a fair Debate, for which both Parties then were not prepared, the Court adjourned to Thursday the first of *April* next, when the Council for the King are to answer the Objection in Support of the Act of Assembly passed by Virtue of the King's Letters Patent.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charlestown,

Entred inwards

Ship Simond, Joseph Cornish from Georgia.
—— London Merchant, John Thomas from ditto
Sloop Nottingham, Thomas Parmyter from Jamaica.
—— Monimia, George Fox from Providence.

Entred out.

Ship Simond, Joseph Cornish for London.
Snow Lake, John Pharour for Barbados.
Sloop Winyaw, Wm. Beale for Boston.
—— Nassaw, Wm. Fraser for Providence.

Clear'd for Departure.

Ship John Galley, Isaac Forster to Cowes.
—— Glasgow, Wm. Warden to London.
—— Renelow, Samuel Ball to Topsham.
Sloop Dolphin, Roger Kellet to Antigua.
—— Exeter, Robert Rivers to Rhode-Island.

EXPORTED from this PLACE since *Nov.* 1, 1735.

Rice 28824 Barrels, & 1337 Baggs Pitch 4318, Tarr 464, Turpentine 1703 Whereof 6819 Barrels and 993 Bags of Rice to the Southward of *Cape Finisterre*.

PRICES of the following GOODS

Rice	40 s.	Flower	3 l. 10 s. to 4 l.
Pitch, Tar, Turpentine	no demand.	Brown Bread	3 l. 10 s.
		Middl.	5 l.
		White	7 l. 10 s.
Indian Corn per B.	12 s. 6 d.	Milk Bisket	11 l.
Skins per Pound	20 s.	Ship Bread	4 l.
Salt per Bushel	7 s. 6 d.	Melasses per Hogsh.	10 s
Wine per Pipe	75 l.	Barbadoes Rum	12 s 6 d

Advertisements.

In the Council Chamber, Wednesday March 3. 1735-6.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made to this Board, that there are divers Platts remaining in the Surveyor General's Office, which have been certified by the Deputy Surveyors, some upwards of 1, 2, 3 and 4 Years, and no Persons have ever applied to take them out of the said Office, by which Means his Majesty is deprived of his Quit-Rents, while the Persons in whose Names such Surveys have been made, enjoy the Benefit of such Lands.

And likewise that there are several Grants which have remained a long Time in the Secretary's Office, and no Persons have ever applied to take out the same, altho' required so to do by Advertisement under the Hand of the said Secretary publish'd in the Gazette of this Province.

WE having taken the same into our Consideration, do hereby authorize and require *James Abercromby* Esq; Attorney General, to issue out such Process as by Law may be issued against such Defaulters, in order to compel them to take out their respective Plats and Grants, and to account for his Majesty's Quit-Rents, and be examined concerning the Wastes already committed thereon, and be farther dealt with as the Case shall require. And whereas there are also divers Plats remaining in the said Offices being run out for Persons since deceased, these are to give Notice to those whom it may concern, that if they do not appear in four Months, and make their respective Claims to such Plats, that such Lands will be looked upon as vacant Lands, and will be granted to others, that his Majesty may not be deprived of his Quit-Rents

By Order of the Hon the Lieut. Governor, and his Majesty's Honourable Council, J. BADENHOP, *C. C.*

ON Thursday *April* 15, 1736, at the New Theatre in Queen-street, will be a BALL, to begin precisely at six a-Clock, HENRY HOLT Master.

No Person to be admitted without a Ticket

To be Sold a Dwelling-House fronting on the Market-Square in *Charlestown*, divided into four commodious Tenements, with convenient Kitchins, Yards, and Gardens. Enquire of *John Laurens*

Whereas on the 14th of *March*, 1704, certain Articles of Agreement was executed between *Lewe Williamson*, then of this Province, Esq; and *Charles Symons*, then of *Biddiford* in the County of *Devon*, Merchant, concerning One Thousand Acres of Land situate on Santee River, which Writing came to the Hands of *Thomas Ellery* of *South Carolina*, Gent. about 14 Years since, among many others (of great Value) that formerly were in the Possession of *George Evans* Esq; deceased And as the Subscriber hath hitherto delivered (*gratis*) all such Writings as properly belonged to every Person justly claiming the same, he is now ready to deliver the above, and all other Writings in his Custody to the respective Owner or Owners of them.

THOMAS ELLERY.

To be Sold on Thursday the 8th of *April* to the highest Bidder, at the House of *William Cattell* Esq; a choice Parcel of Slaves, being Part of the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Col *Ramsay* deceased, the Purchaser may have what Time he pleases, giving Security and paying Interest from the Day of Sale, to *Will Cattell* and *John Williams*.

To be Lett

A Plantation 8 miles from *Charlestown* on the North-side of *Ashley* River, belonging to Mr *Joseph Buttler*, where he lately resided, there is on it a convenient small Dwelling-house, Kitchin, Hen-house, Garden, Orchard and a very large Barn, there is about 300 Acres of good Pasture well fenced, divided into 5 separate Pastures, and excellent good Corn-land likewise ready fenc'd: Any Body that has a mind to hire the same may inquire of *Wm Elliot* jun.

All Persons that have any Demands on the Estate of *Wilson Sanders* deceased, are desired to send in their Accounts to *Joshua Sanders* at *Pon Pon* Administrator of the said Estate, in order that proper measures may be taken to discharge the same.

All Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of *Wm. Scott* Joyner deceased, are desired to bring in their Accounts; and all Persons who are any ways indebted to the said Estate, are desired to pay the same by the 1st of *May* next, or they will be prosecuted without further notice by his Executor *Thomas Buttler*.

AN Overseer is immediately wanted for *Bugby's* Plantation on *Wadmalaw* Island belonging to the late Coll *Hall*. Any Person that is qualified for that Business may apply to *Henry Peronneau* jun or *James Osmond* in *Charlestown*, and meet with good Encouragement.

To be Sold

A Tract of Land containing 1300 Acres, at *Wassamsaw*, 300 Acres part thereof is good for Rice and Corn, about 90 Acres is clear'd, the rest good Lightwood Land. Another Tract containing 500 Acres, upon *Wilkinson's* Swamp, the whole is extraordinary good for Rice and Corn. Any Person inclining to buy either or both Tracts, shall have them very reasonable, treating with *Abra Dupont*.

To be Sold

A Plantation containing 500 Acres of Land, scituate in *Port Royal*, with a good Dwelling-house, Barn and Out-houses: Any Person that is inclin'd to purchase the same, may enquire of *John McGillivray* on the said Plantation, or *Wm Mckenzie* in *Charlestown*.

Brought to Goal in Charlestown,

March 22 A Negro Man with a white Jacket, taken up at Mr. *Hume's* Plantation beyond *Goose Creek*, by *John Mackleveny*.

To be Run for

On Saturday the 3d of *April* next at the Bowling Green, a large silver hilted small Sword, value 30 *l.* by any 3 Horses, Mares or Geldings, one half mile one heat, or the Quarter 3 heats, to start precisely at 3 a clock. *NB* The said Sword to be seen on Thursday next at the Bowling-Green, and the Money to be paid on the Day of the Race.